

reduced the cost of operations for the disabled by a large margin. PROSHIKA has worked extensively for the rehabilitation of the physically disabled by trying not only to find work for them but collecting and providing helpful materials. We have also have provided physio-therapy treatment, providing skills training and micro credit opportunities for employment generation activity for them. Besides, we worked extensively to help disabled children find the right treatment and have organized special campaign to counsel the families during their troubled times. PROSHIKA has also set up quotas and given special privilege for disabled people to find work in different sectors. PROSHIKA, has worked quite a lot to tackle the negativity that this community of people face in their day to day lives. We have helped in organizing campaign and programs to raise awareness on the issues and help to change the attitudes and stigma that is held by the general people regarding the disabled community.

4.5 Anti-narcotics & drug campaign

Narcotics and drugs have penetrated and been an alarming issue in not only at the international level but Bangladesh too. For this reason the youth of Bangladesh has fallen prey to a variety of drugs. Drug addiction has been becoming a rising threat to not only our youth but the economy as well. Due to this, the youth who could sustain the livelihood of a family is becoming addicted to various substance and distancing themselves from performing responsibilities. The most dangerous effects of it are the mental, social, and physical toll that the youth of Bangladesh are facing. To help the youth affect by narcotics drugs, many families are facing financial loss and also has to face social stigma.



To tackle this serious issue, PROSHIKA has implemented many anti narcotics and drug campaign and programs. Not only that, PROSHIKA has also worked with the government to bring an end to issues relating narcotics and drugs usage.

PROSHIKA, through this campaign bring together people from various section of society, such as teacher, student, community people and civil society as well as people's representative to speak about the issues and take actions accordingly.

4.6 People's Cultural Program

This is a unique program, and aims at using our cultural resources as a means of empowerment. PROSHIKA has realized from its inception that the actual experience of the poor expressed through songs, ballads and dramas which are devised, improvised, performed and witnessed by the poor themselves can create an unprecedented level of awareness. These performances not only entertain but when followed by discussions and other supports, can more than stir up peoples' critical consciousness about social and economic reality leading to a moral build-up, unity and action. Since inception, PROSHIKA has organized a total of 951 cultural troupes comprised of 14,265 members at the village and slum level. Of them 4,755 are women. These troupes have so far staged 114,000 cultural events.



4.7 Social forestry program

This is one of the important program that PROSHIKA has introduced from its inception. To improve the environmental condition and increase income of the poor community, PROSHIKA introduced nursery project, homestead gardening, and block plantation along with road side forestry and community forest protection activity. The aim of all these activities are the protection of the environment and increasing poor people's income.

4.8 Climate change and resilience program

This is a worldwide problem from which Bangladesh also suffers heavily. To cope up with the climate change affects to the people PROSHIKA is implementing this program. Through this program, PROSHIKA has developed some effective strategies.

4.9 Disaster Management, Relief & Rehabilitation Program

PROSHIKA has been providing relief during natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, cold spells, tidal bores, and have been rehabilitating the victims of communal riots, since 1984. Pre-emptive programming has complemented these responsive interventions which included the construction of 10 two-storied cyclone shelters in the coastal areas together with coastal afforestation over a stretch of 135 km.